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SUBJ: MITERRAND ON EEC: A BARELY VIELED WARNING

1. IN LONG LE MONDE INTERVIEW OF MARCH 19, WHICH WE
COMMEND TO DEPARTMENT FOR MITTERRAND'S COMMENTS ON
RANGE OF SUBJECTS, FROM PLANNED NATIONALIZATION IF PS
COMES TO POWER TO COMPLEMENTARY REMARKS REGARDING
PRESIDENT CARTER'S "COURAGEOUS" HUMAN RIGHTS POLICY,
MITTERRAND ALSO MADE FOLLOWING COMMENTS ON THE EUROPEAN
COMMUNITY.

2. QUESTION:

BEGIN QUOTE: IN VIEW OF ELECTORAL CHANGES THE
EUROPEAN COMMUNITY OF TOMORROW RISKS BEING DIVIDED
BETWEEN COUNTRIES GOVERNED BY THE LEFT AND COUNTRIES
DOMINATED BY CONSERVATIVES. DOES A EUROPEAN POLICY
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SEEM CONCEIVABLE TO YOU UNDER SUCH CONDITIONS?

ANSWER:

WAS IT DECIDED, WHEN THE TREATY OF ROME WAS
SIGNED, THAT IT WAS OBLIGATORY FOR COMMON MARKET
COUNTRIES TO HAVE GOVERNMENTS COMMITTED TO LIBERAL
ECONOMIES, ON CONDITION THAT THEY WERE EVERYWHERE TO
BE DEMOCRATIC, DEMOCRATIC ON THE POLITICAL LEVEL? IF

OUR PARTNERS WOULD WANT TO CONSTRAIN US TO PRACTICE
A POLICY CONTRARY TO OUR OBJECTIVES, IT IS NOT THE
FRENCH LEFT WHICH WILL CRACK, BUT THE COMMON MARKET.

VERY WELL, I DON'T IMPUTE THAT INTENTION TO
THEM. I BELIEVE THAT DIVERSIFIED EXPERIENCE WILL PRE-
VAIL. IT ALSO SEEMS TO ME THAT THE CAPACITY OF FRENCH
SOCIALISM TO PERSUADE THE PEOPLE AND WORKERS OF
WESTERN EUROPE OF THE VALUE OF ITS POSITIONS WILL BE
GREATER THAN THE CAPACITY OF WORLD CAPITALISM TO
NEUTRALIZE THEM. END QUOTE.

3. COMMENT: CLEARLY THE QUESTION OF WHETHER AND
ON WHAT TERMS A FRANCE OF THE LEFT WOULD FIT IN WITH
A EUROPE VEERING TO THE RIGHT IS BEGINNING TO ATTRACT
ATTENTION. MITTERRAND'S COMMENTS PROVIDE THE FIRST
INDICATIONS OF A CERTAIN RECALCITRANCE WITHIN THE
PS MAJORITY ON EUROPE. WHILE MITTERRAND AND OTHER
SENIOR PS LEADERS HAVE LONG PRONOUNCED THEMSELVES TO
BE FIRM EUROPEANISTS, THE PARTY'S LEFT WING (CERES)
HAS BEEN WARNING THAT, AS IT IS PRESENTLY CONCEIVED,
THE EEC HAS THE POTENTIAL TO STIFLE THE ECONOMIC
PROVISIONS OF THE COMMON PROGRAM. MORE IMPORTANT,
MITTERRAND HAS BEEN HEARING FROM SOME OF HIS TOP
ECONOMISTS (ROCARD, ATTALI, DELORS) THAT THE EEC
COULD, IF "TOTALLY ACCEPTED IN ITS PRESENT FORM"
FORCE FRANCE INTO MORE LIBERAL ECONOMIC STRUCTURES
THAN MIGHT BE COMFORTABLE FOR A UNITED LEFT GOVERNMENT.
WHILE MITTERRAND'S STATEMENT SHOULD BE READ AGAINST
THIS BACKGROUND, LARGELY DOMESTIC IN HUE AND
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COLORATION, IT IS NEVERTHELESS SOME OF THE BLUNTEST
LANGUAGE WE HAVE HEARD ON THIS SUBJECT SO FAR.

4. WE ARE POUCHING TEXT INTERVIEW TO FRENCH DESK
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